

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

LEGAL OFFICER

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PROGRAMME

Duty station:	IUCN Environmental Law Centre, Bonn, Germany
Availability:	Immediate
Function group:	P2 in the IUCN classification system
Work percentage:	100%
Reporting to:	Director, Environmental Law Centre

BACKGROUND

The Environmental Law Programme (ELP) provides the principal source of environmental law expertise to the IUCN Programme. The work of ELP is carried out by the IUCN Environmental Law Centre (ELC) in collaboration with the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law (CEL), and the IUCN Regional and Country Programmes.

The ELP supports the development and implementation of international and national environmental law, provides technical assistance and promotes capacity building in developing countries, while also maintaining the world's premier environmental law information and data base service.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The primary responsibilities of the Legal Officer are:

- Play a major role in the implementation of the 2013-2016 IUCN Environmental Law Programme (ELP) on valuing and conserving nature, effective and equitable governance of nature's use and deploying nature-based solutions to global challenges in climate, food, development;
- Contribute to programming and reporting for ELP, and to general IUCN programming as required;
- Develop and manage a portfolio of projects related to legal aspects of climate change including *inter alia*, REDD+, Ecosystems based adaptation, climate change legal architecture (national and international), climate finance, forests conservation and land use issues. Project development and management include the preparation of concepts and proposals, the identification of funding sources, project related administrative duties, reporting, as well as the provision of technical assistance;
- Ensure that ELP expertise on the legal aspects of climate change related issues is available to policy makers;
- Collaborate with ELC legal and information officers, with the staff of IUCN's Regions responsible for environmental law, and with members of the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law (CEL) in project-related development and work;
- Collaborate with IUCN's technical programmes to identify and meet their requirements for legal input;
- Organise and lead project related workshops and meetings in the area of his/her work, as appropriate;
- Manage and supervise the work of consultants in the projects within his/her areas of work;
- Support the activities of CEL, and its specialists groups, as appropriate;
- Develop and prepare IUCN reports, newsletters and environmental law-related publications;
- Represent the ELC in relevant meetings and conferences;
- Take up any other appropriate duties within the areas of work assigned by the ELC management.

REQUIREMENTS

- Juris Doctor or equivalent with strong academic record and emphasis on environmental law, including significant experience regarding climate change, and energy in relation to biodiversity conservation, as well as regarding international conventions related thereto.
- At least eight years of increasingly responsible work experience in those fields. Work experience in developing countries is desirable.
- Proven experience in developing, fundraising and managing projects.
- A broad legal background, including private and/or government practice, experience with commercial and industry issues and legislative development desirable. Policy development experience an advantage.
- Excellent research, writing and analytical skills needed as well as an ability to work both independently and in a small, multi-cultural team.
- Experience in facilitating and participating with volunteer networks.
- Exceptional interpersonal skills.
- Computer literacy in basic office applications and the internet.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively, including to a non-legal audience.
- Speaking and writing skills in English required and fluency in other IUCN languages (French and Spanish) desirable. Working knowledge of German an advantage.
- Willingness to undertake significant levels of work-related travel.

APPLICATIONS

Interested candidates who meet the selection requirements are requested to submit their curriculum vitae, a letter of motivation in English, and the names and contact details of three referees, including one recent employer, to:

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Applications by email are preferred. They should be sent only to Daniella.Montag@iucn.org before 30th May 2012